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Qualification Summary

Professional emergency manager experienced working in fast-paced, public safety and governmental environments demonstrating organization, community relations, and interpersonal skills. Twenty years experience in emergency planning, disaster response, consequence management, hazard mitigation, public/individual recovery assistance, exercise conduct, and public information. Experienced in formal emergency management education and technical training. Responded to numerous natural and technological emergencies including the 2004 Florida Hurricanes, Hurricane Katrina (2005), and the El Nino Severe Weather (1998).

Experience Highlights

- Managed a Comprehensive Emergency Management program for a community of 280,000 citizens providing leadership through several community emergencies.
- Oversaw the emergency preparedness activities for an urban Florida county of more than 900,000 residents. These activities include community disaster planning, response organization exercising, technical training, and public education.
- Recruited, hired, and supervised specialized personnel in the development and enhancement of public safety programs.
- Played an instrumental role in the design and construction of a \$14 million Emergency Operation Center rated to a Category 5 hurricane standard.
- Served as the Operations Chief for the Tampa Bay Incident Management Team providing mutual aid to Hancock County, MS., a community devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Employment History

Osceola County Government, Kissimmee, Florida Director of Emergency Management	2007 - 2011
Pinellas County Government, Clearwater, Florida Solid Waste Program Coordinator - Emergency Management Coordinator	2000 - 2007
Hernando County Government, Brooksville, Florida Emergency Management Officer	1996 - 2000
U.S. Air Force Reserves, Travis AFB, California Disaster Preparedness Superintendent	1995 - 1996
Proactive Technologies, Inc., Denver, Colorado Trainer/Training Consultant	1995 - 1995
U.S. Air Force, Various Locations (<i>Honorable Discharge</i>) Disaster Preparedness Technician w/ Master Technical Training Instructor Rating Law Enforcement Specialist	1985 - 1994

Professional Activities

Member:

International Association of Emergency Managers, 2004 - Present
Florida Emergency Preparedness Association, 1997 – Present
Orlando Urban Area Security Initiative Working Group Member, 2007 - Present
Florida District VI, Local Emergency Planning Committee, 2007 - Present
Emergency Administration & Fire Science Advisory Committee, St. Petersburg College, 1998 – 2005

Contributions:

Sub-Committee Chair, District VI LEPC Biennial Hazardous Material Exercise, December 2008
Presenter, Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association Hurricane Preparedness Seminar, June 2008
Guest Interview, "This Week, WMFE-TV Orlando, April 2008
Sub-Committee Chair, District VIII LEPC Biennial Hazardous Material Exercise, May 2006
Presenter, U.S. Department of State sponsored presentation, Kocaeli, Turkey, March 2006
Presenter, *Hurricane Katrina Lessons Learned*, AKUT Search & Rescue Symposium, Istanbul, Turkey, March 2006
Operations Chief, Tampa Bay Incident Management Team Hurricane Katrina Deployment, Sep 2005
Instructor, *Evacuation and Reentry Planning*, FDEM/FEMA Course, May 2005
Panel Expert, National Terrorism Preparedness Institute's "Live Response", November 17, 2004
Event Planning Committee Member, Hurricanes and Healthcare Seminar, June 2003 -2005
Presenter, *Professional Development Opportunities in Emergency Management*, Governor's Hurricane Conference, May 28, 2004
Evaluator, District V LEPC Biennial Hazardous Material Exercise, April 28, 2004
Controller, District VIII LEPC Biennial Hazardous Material Exercise, November 2, 2003
Evaluator, Tampa Bay Regional Domestic Security Task Force Exercise, March 12, 2003
Subject Matter Expert, Public Safety Administration Baccalaureate Degree Development, St. Petersburg College, 2002
Exercise Team Chief, SBCCOM Biological Warfare Improved Response Program, 2000 - 2001
State Response Team Liaison Officer, Hurricane Danny, Okaloosa County, Florida, July 1997
IAEM Delegate, Disaster Managers Conference, Province of Caserta, Italy, October 1999
Adjunct Instructor, St. Petersburg College/Southeastern Public Safety Institute, 1999 - 2005
Shelter Team Supervisor, 1993 World Youth Day, 300 visitors, Denver, Colorado, August 1993
Subject Matter Expert, USAF Disaster Preparedness Utilization and Training Workshop, June 1993

Professional Certifications

Advanced Professional Development Series, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 2007
Professional Development Series, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 2000
Certified Emergency Manager, International Association of Emergency Managers, since 2000
Florida Professional Emergency Manager, Florida Emergency Preparedness Association, since 1999
Certified Occupational Instructor, Community College of the Air Force, 1994
Master Instructor, U.S. Air Force, 1992

Education

Master of Arts in Organizational Management

University of Phoenix, June 2004

Bachelor of Science in Management/Human Resources

Park College, June 1993. Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*

Associate in Science in Disaster Preparedness

Community College of the Air Force, December 1990